

I respectfully urge you to make changes regarding communication towers, as they have proven to be harmful to the US bird population. Simple steps could be taken to avoid further harm to migrating birds, such as:

- begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues;
- institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality;
- undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts;
- require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews;
- and implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

I am not anti-technology or anti-government, but I do believe that if adjustments are made we can expand our communication capabilities while harmlessly coexisting with wildlife.

Thank you,

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